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1. UK DCM (LOGAN), ON OCCASION OF AMBASSADOR CLIVE ROSE' PARTICIPATION AT FEBRUARY 28 AHG BRIEFING OF NAC, HOSTED LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY ROSE, UK DELEGATION OFFICER (BAILES), AND U.S. MISSION OFFICERS (PEREZ AND MOORE). ROSE STATED HIS BELIEF (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY VIENNA) THAT ALLIES WOULD BENEFIT FROM AN OFFER TO THE EAST DURING THE CURRENT NEGOTIATING ROUND TO INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING, WITHOUT REQUIRED REDUCTIONS. LOGAN AGREED WITH HIM. BOTH THOUGHT THE ALLIES WERE REASONABLY CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING, BUT WERE MUCH FURTHER FROM AGREEMENT ON REDUCTIONS, WHICH WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR THE CURRENT NEGOTIATING ROUND. BUTH FAVORED COMMON SUB-CEILINGS

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ON GROUND FORCES, AND DIFFERING OVERALL GROUND-PLUS-AIR CEILINGS TO AND TO ALLOW FOR RECATEGORIZATION OF POLISH AND CZECH AREA AIR DEFENSE PERSONNEL. ACCOMMODATE THE LARGER NUMBER OF EASTERN AIRMEN THE PRINCIPAL OTHER ITEM OF INTEREST

IN THIS CONVERSATION WAS LOGAN'S ESTIMATE THAT IT WOULD TAKE SIX WEEKS, AFTER INTRODUCTION OF OPTION III, TO GET IT CLEARED IN ALLIED CAPITALS AND APPROVED IN NAC.

2. COMMENT: AS MISSION HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, FRG NOW SUPPORTS THE EARLIER U.S. PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, FRG, LIKE THE OTHER ALLIES, HAS NOT ACCEPTED U.S. PROPOSAL ON NON-EXPLICIT SERVICE SUB-CEILINGS. BELGIUM IS THE ONLY DIRECT PARTICIPANT (EXCLUDING LUXEMBOURG) NOT YET TO SUPPORT INCLUSION IN COMMON CEILING, SINCE BELGIUM PREFERS EXTENSION OF NO-INCREASE COMMITMENT ON AIR MANPOWER INTO PHASE II.

3. THUS THE ALLIES HAVE FURHTER WORK TO DO RE GUIDANCE ON INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING, WITH OR WITHOUT REDUCTIONS. A COMPLETION OF SPC WORK ON GUIDANCE TO AHG AND NAC APPROVAL OF IT, EVEN WITH A HOLD FOR USE AT A LATER TIME, WOULD CLEAR THIS ITEM AND FREE SPC AND NAC TO CONCENTRATE ON FORTHCOMING U.S. PROPOSALS FOR GUIDANCE TO AHG. MISSION THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON TRANSMIT THE FURTHER GUIDANCE MENTIONED IN REF A TO PERMIT RESUMPTION OF SPC WORK ON AIR MANPOWER AT THIS TIME. MISSION IN REFS B AND C DESCRIBED THE KIND OF GUIDANCE WE NEED, PARTICULARLY ON SERVICE SUB-CEILINGS, TO ENABLE ALLIES TO AGREE TO GUIDANCE ON AIR MANPOWER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE TO PERMIT SPC TO RESUME WORK ON GUIDANCE TO AHG ON INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING.BRUC

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